

**PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IA**

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MOCK EXAM PAPER

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Paper 3

MEANING

Answer **three** questions only.

*Write the number of the question at the beginning of each answer. If you are answering an either/or question, indicate the letter as well.*

**STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS**

*20 Page Answer Book x 1  
Rough Work Pad*

**You may not start to read the  
questions printed on the  
subsequent pages of this question  
paper until instructed that you may  
do so by the Invigilator**

1. Is it analytic, synthetic, or neither, that  $7 + 5 = 12$ ?
2. Are there any necessary *a posteriori* truths?
3. 'The meaning of a statement consists in its method of verification.' Can this theory allow that the sentence 'all ravens are black' makes a meaningful statement?
4. Do verificationists need a notion of analyticity?
5. Can intentional theories of meaning account for our understanding of unuttered sentences?
6. Are conventional theories of meaning compatible with the idea that there is an important distinction between speaker meaning and semantic meaning?
7. What are the paradoxes of material implication? Can they be solved by a theory of implicature?
8. What is the philosophical significance of the fact that, in ordinary language, we sometimes give one object two different names?
9. Why did Russell think the sentence 'The present king of France is bald' is false? Was he right?
10. Is every version of descriptivism about names undermined by the fact that many people are mistaken about which descriptions apply to which things?

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